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The Calvin Ball Bulletin

A bulletin to keep you and your neighbors informed of current news and happenings in our community. If you do not get this bulletin directly, feel free to email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov and I will be sure to get you on the list.

For more District 2 News go to our website at:
www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictTwo.htm

We Want To Hear From You!

The link below will navigate you to a list of meetings open to the public. If you have specific questions please call the contact number listed for that meeting.

http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm

How Can You Participate in Howard County Government?

This is your chance to stay informed and involved! Your comments are welcome as the County Council reviews legislation. You may testify in person or simply submit your testimony by email or fax. All legislative public hearings will take place in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building. Click the following link for the Council's calendar of meetings

http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC_Legislative_CouncilCalendar.htm

View the Council's Current Legislation and Stay Informed

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle. To view legislation under consideration by the Council, please click on the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative_Pending.htm

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

Persons interested in applying for a Board or Commission are invited to view the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/PortalServices/HC_BoardsandCommissions.htm

Report an Illegal Sign

You can help us by reporting Illegal Signs with a new online form. The form is available at the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DILP/Permits/Permits_signs_Illegal.asp .

Please be sure to describe the location of the illegal sign in the free-form textual area at the bottom of the form.

For further information on the County's sign code, the sign permit application process, sign sizes, fees and for other answers to frequently asked questions, visit the Department of Inspections, Licenses & Permits page on the County's website

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DILP/DILP_HomePage.htm or call DILP at 410-313-1830.

Pardon Our Dust!

You may have seen or may see some road work in your neighborhood. Howard County Department of Public Works will be conducting the following construction projects. Additional information is provided below describing the details of such projects.

Snowden River Parkway Sidewalk Construction to Begin

A Howard County construction project to provide additional sidewalk along southbound Snowden River Parkway is scheduled to begin on or about Monday, July 7. A portion of sidewalk measuring approximately 500 feet in length will be installed to connect two existing sidewalks, one fronting the park and ride lot and the other adjacent to Dobbin Road. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by mid-July 2008.

The right lane of southbound Snowden River Parkway, south of Dobbin Road, will be closed to traffic during construction hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays. Signs will be posted and safety cones will indicate the lane closure.

For questions or concerns about **Capital Project K-5045**, contact **Lisa Brightwell**, Public Works Customer Service, at **410-313-3440**, or by e-mail to publicworks@howardcountymd.gov

Take Part in the Vision of Blandair Regional Park!

Blandair Regional Park is a proposed County park facility to be centrally located on a 300-acre parcel of land in Columbia. The project intends to preserve over 200 acres of forest, wetlands, meadows, and a historic farm complex, while providing active and passive recreation experiences.

In March 2008, the County Executive appointed a new citizen Advisory Committee to assist with the project. The Committee is composed of citizens whose varied backgrounds and interests will provide valuable input into the development of the design. The members also represent the interests of the surrounding communities, as well as including a student representative.

Committee Members from District 2

Robert N. Cummings - Department of Housing and Community Development, Long Reach resident

Alexander Sandy Curtis – Urban Planning, Construction –
Glenmont Homeowners Assoc.

Frank Eastham - Principal, Oakland Mills High School

Roger M. Gabin – Computer scientist/systems engineer – Scout
leader - Long Reach resident

Cathy Latham - Oakland Mills Village Board

Joshua Manley - Student Representative, Howard High School

Bridget R. Mugane – Attorney – Former president of Long Reach
Village Board – President of Howard County Citizen's Association

Sylvia Ramsey – State Department of Transportation – resident of
Long Reach

Sarah Uphouse - Long Reach Village Manager

If you would like to submit comments you may send your written
comments directed to:

Gary J. Arthur
Director
Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks
7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia MD 21046.

You are also welcome to contact the Department's Capital Project and
Park Planning Division at **410-313-4685** for more information or to
provide comments. Please visit this website for future updates
including dates for upcoming meetings.

Click here for more information on Blandair
http://www.co.ho.md.us/rap/rap_BlandairRegPark.htm

Gang Awareness Presentation to the Community
August 2nd!

Saturday, August 2, 10 a.m. – noon at The Other Barn

representatives from the Howard County Police Department will give a presentation to the Oakland Mills Community.

Please rsvp so that we can make sure we have enough seating and handouts.

RSVP to: omca@columbiavillages.org

National Night Out 2008!

The 25th Annual National Night Out (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) has been scheduled for **August 5th, 2007**. We cordially invite you and your community to be a part of National Night Out!

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns, and neighborhoods ‘celebrate’ NNO with a variety of events and activities such as:

- block parties,
- cookouts,
- visits from local police and sheriff departments,
- parades, exhibits,
- flashlight walks,
- contests, and
- youth programs

Contact your Homeowners Association, nearest Columbia village or the **Howard County Police Department Headquarters** at **410-313-3200** to register your community.

To register online click the following link
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Police/Docs/NNO2008.pdf> (Note: There is no cost to register or participate).

Second Sunday FREE Swim at Columbia Association Pools!

CA residents who are not members of the pools or Package Plan will be offered the opportunity to visit any of CA's 23 outdoor pools on the second Sunday of each month during the summer at no charge. The next free swim will be on **Sunday August 10.**

Residents must have a CA Resident Card to participate. Resident cards may be obtained at no cost from CA Headquarters. You must bring address verification in the form of a driver's license or imprinted personal check and dependant children's birth certificates is required to obtain free CA Resident cards. For more information call **410-730-1801.**

Choose Civility Howard County – Lessons of Forgiveness

Choose Civility is an ongoing community-wide initiative, led by Howard County Library, to position Howard County as a model of civility. The project intends to enhance respect, empathy, consideration and tolerance in Howard County.

The next Howard County Choose Civility event will be held on **Thursday, August 14th, 6:30 pm** at the **Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch.** For details you may call **410-313-7700.**

Teens Walk to Raise Funds for UNICEF

The Columbia Association (CA) Teen Advisory Committee is hosting a Charity Walk **Sunday, August 17th, from 1 to 4 p.m.** at Lake Elkhorn to help raise funds for the work UNICEF is doing in the Darfur region of Sudan to save the children. The \$20.00 donation fee will include registration, food, entertainment and a T-shirt. The path around Lake Elkhorn is 2 miles.

UNICEF is maintaining 115 supplementary feeding stations that help rehabilitate 200,000 malnourished children in the remote region of Darfur. Local sponsors of the walk include Jimmy John's Restaurant, Macaroni Grill Restaurant, Rocky Run Grill, TGI Friday's and Krispy Kreme. **Please call Carol Wasser at 410-715-5523** for more information.

Start a Neighborhood Watch Program in Your Community!

The Neighborhood Watch Program involves the joint efforts of the Howard County Police Department and the community, designed to enhance neighborhood security, heighten the community's power of observation, and to encourage mutual assistance and concern among neighbors. Contact Officer **Rick Cumby or Roger Hultgren**, Howard County OM Policing office at **410-313-5805**, to schedule a neighborhood watch presentation for your neighborhood.

Columbia Association Seeks Senior Advisors

The Columbia Association (CA) is seeking residents to serve a one-year term on the Senior Advisory Committee. The goals of this committee are to advise the CA Board of Directors on the needs, interests and concerns of Columbia's senior residents and to increase the public awareness of Columbia's seniors as a distinct and active population.

Nominees must be at least 55 years of age and have demonstrated interest in the senior population. Letters of interest should be mailed to Michelle Miller, Columbia Association, 10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044, faxed to **410-715-3042** or e-mailed to

Michelle.Miller@ColumbiaAssociation.com. For more information, please call **Michelle Miller at 410-715-3170.**

Assistance for Seniors to Get Out and About! - CA's Senior Shuttle for Cultural Events

The Columbia Association's Senior Advisory Committee sponsors a **FREE** curb-to-curb evening and weekend transportation shuttle to cultural events throughout Howard County for groups of 4 or more seniors ages 60 and over. For complete details call CA at **410-715-3087**

Neighbor Ride is Need of Volunteers!

There is an immediate need for volunteers at Neighbor Ride, a volunteer-based supplemental transportation program for Howard County seniors ages 60 and over. Daytime, evening and weekend drivers are needed. Ride Coordinators to accept and assign rides are needed **Monday through Friday for 3-4 hours**. The next driver orientations are scheduled at the Neighbor Ride office, 8808 Centre **Park Dr., Columbia, MD 21045**. Please call **410-884-7433** or contact volunteer@neighborride.org